

What To Expect As A New Licensee

Beginning in 2007, WSDA will no longer issue a paper license card. As a new pesticide or structural pest inspector (SPI) licensee, you will receive a plastic card identifying you as a license holder. The card will include your name, license number with barcode, and the Internet address where you can access your complete license record. The plastic card will be affixed to a printout, similar to what you will find on the Internet, showing your current license status (licenses, categories, expiration dates and recertification cycles). You will receive this printout or, if you prefer, an email confirmation, anytime your license record is updated in the future.

What are the advantages of this new system?

- ◆ Next day access to license updates. No waiting for a paper card to arrive in the mail.
- ◆ Dealers can easily verify that a pesticide license has been updated so that restricted use pesticide sales can be made.
- ◆ Anytime access, via a licensee only area, to your recertification credit information.
- ◆ Ability to sort upcoming recertification courses by location, date and topic area.
- ◆ Ability to go on-line to notify WSDA of license changes, such as address and phone number.
- ◆ Commercial Applicators can ensure that WSDA has up-to-date information about employed Commercial Operators and registered equipment.
- ◆ Customers can easily find Commercial Applicators that perform specific types of pest control.
- ◆ Eventual ability to renew and pay for your license on-line.

What else should I know?

- ◆ Except for the 5-year Limited and Rancher Private Applicator licenses, all pesticide and SPI licenses must be renewed annually. Each year, those holding an annual license will receive a mailing consisting of a renewal application and recertification credit report. You must submit your completed renewal application each year in order to maintain your license.
- ◆ WSDA's website at <http://agr.wa.gov/PestFert/> contains helpful information on complying with pesticide law. Useful links include:
 - General licensing information - <http://agr.wa.gov/PestFert/LicensingEd/>
 - Recertification information, including a link to a recertification fact sheet and open recertification courses - <http://agr.wa.gov/PestFert/LicensingEd/Recertification.htm>.
 - Information on your pesticide or SPI licensing status - <http://agr.wa.gov/PestLicense>.
- ◆ If you are a Commercial Applicator or Structural Pest Inspector, you need to notify WSDA prior to expiration of your financial coverage. Information specific to these two license types is available at <http://agr.wa.gov/PestFert/LicensingEd/CaSpiInfo.htm>.
- ◆ Properly licensed SPIs can obtain Inspection Control Numbers (ICNs) through WSDA's automated phone system at (877) 301-4555. At the main menu, select option 8 and follow the instructions. A fact sheet on obtaining and properly using ICNs is at <http://agr.wa.gov/PestFert/docs/ObtainingUsingIcns.pdf>.

For further information, contact Pesticide Licensing toll free at (877) 301-4555 or by email at license@agr.wa.gov.
